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PUBLIC NOTICE

Section 48-39-290 of the Beachfront Management Act gives DHEC-OCRM the authority to issue general permits for activities in the beach/dune critical area seaward of the forty-year setback line. An existing beachfront general permit, GP-90-F, authorizes minor beach renourishment, the installation of sand fencing, and the planting of dune vegetation in the beach/dune critical area. The application procedure for this general permit requires the permittee to run a filing notice in a local newspaper and to send certified letters to adjoining property owners and the local government notifying them of this application.

DHEC-OCRM is proposing to issue a new beachfront general permit, GP-06-DV, that will authorize just the planting of native dune vegetation without requiring the permittee to run a filing notice or send certified letters. The applicant will be required to submit a drawing showing the location of dune vegetation planting. The purpose of this new general permit is to facilitate the planting of native beach vegetation to help stabilize the dune.

A copy of the general permit that DHEC-OCRM proposes to issue for this purpose is attached. Comments will be received on this new general permit until April 16, 2006. Comments may be sent to:

DHEC-OCRM
Attn: Critical Area Permitting
1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 400
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**GENERAL PERMIT-DUNE VEGETATION
GP-06-DV**

- WORK:** The planting of native beach dune vegetation, such as sea oats, beach grass, and bitter panicum (panic grass) on existing sand dunes or in dry-sand areas suitable for the establishment of native beach dune vegetation.
- WHERE:** Within DHEC-OCRM's beach/dune critical area jurisdiction seaward of the 40-year setback line in the Counties of Horry, Georgetown, Charleston, Colleton, Beaufort, and Jasper.
- DESCRIPTION:** In an effort to provide beachfront property owners with a passive, low-cost beach stabilization method, this permit is issued to allow for the planting and maintenance of native dune vegetation on existing sand dunes or in other dry-sand areas above the limits of normal high tide wave uprush. This type of planting should not be viewed as erosion control but rather as enhancement and stabilization of the dune, since a healthy dune provides storm damage protection as well as natural habitat for indigenous plant and animal species. Planting of dune vegetation in the beach/dune critical area is authorized by this general permit provided the following conditions are met:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. All work performed must be in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act and DHEC-OCRM's Rules and Regulations for permitting in the critical area.
2. No fill or sand fencing may be placed in the critical area under this permit.
3. Normal general permitting procedures must be followed to secure the permit.
4. Drawings must be submitted to OCRM that show the location of dune vegetation planting. Proof of publication of a filing notice in a local newspaper, and proof of mailing of certified letters to adjoining property owners and the local government, are not required.
5. OCRM reserves the right to require an individual permit if, in its determination, conditions warrant.